

## Andrew Jackson to Rachel Donelson Jackson, March 2, 1824, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

**TO MRS. JACKSON.**

Washington, March 2, 1824.

*My dear wife*, your last affectionate letter requested that I should write you weekly; to gratify you I comply, but have nothing to communicate worthy of your attention, except that my general health is good. I had taken a little cold some weeks ago, which had fell upon my lungs and occasioned a slight cough; but thank god, I am again almost clear of it; I can say with truth, that I have been blessed with much better health this winter than I have been for many, and had I you with me, my mind would be at ease and I could enjoy my time much better than I do. without you, my mind is not at ease, as I am convinced yours is not.

I ever will regret that my country imposed the present duty on me; still it had a claim, it Judged it right, and I will endeavour to reconcile myself to it; it is inconsistant with a soldier to complain. I have Just recd from Doctor Bedford and Mackey Neworleans the amount of the sales of the 50 Bales of Cotton shipped for me to them; It has sold well, at 15# cents pr bl, the amount of sales \$3910,27. expences and commissions \$313.89 leaving the neat proceeds to be remitted to my agent Capt A. J. Donelson at Nashville the sum of \$3596:38. I give you this information least my young friend, Mr Donelson may not have recd the letter adressed to him, should that be the fact, please let him know of this. I have directed Mr Donelson to have my last years account fully closed and you furnished with such sum as you may want; and the ballance made a special deposit in Banks. my Love, I wish you to have every thing that will make you comfortable. Providence gives us the

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means that we may rationally enjoy his bounty. as soon as the amount of sales of my cotton reach Nashville I wish Mr Parsons to be paid his last years wages.

Say to my son and little Hutchings I have not recd their promised letters; say to my son, to remember my advice, that was, never to make a promise but what he complies with: allways to reflect before the promise is made, but when made, to be sure to comply with it. Present me to the young ladies who may be with you, to my friend Capt J. Donelson and family, to Mrs Donelson and hers, to Colo Butler and his and to all my good neighbours, and accept my prayers for your health and happiness and that of all the family. your affectionate Husband

Major Eaton and Genl call unite in respects to you. The attention of them both is great, But that of Major Eaton more than a son. my gratitude is great to him.